

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Steeg *et al.*

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For: **Methods for Diagnosis and  
Prognosis of Acute Leukemias**

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following Amendment. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: “Version with markings to show changes made.”

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 4-12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

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***Remarks***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-3 are pending in the application.

Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 4-12 were cancelled.